

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, lines 2-12, as follows:

A system, method, and product are disclosed in a data processing system for serializing hardware reset requests in a software communication request queue in a processor card. The processor card processes software communication requests utilizing the queue in a serial order ~~and processes hardware requests without utilizing the queue~~. A hardware reset request is received by the processor card and put in the queue. The hardware reset request is processed from the queue in the serial order when all requests from the queue that are currently being serviced have completed being serviced.

Please amend the paragraph on page 14, lines 4-16, as follows:

It is important to note that while the present invention has been described in the context of a fully functioning data processing system, those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the processes of the present invention are capable of being distributed in the form of a computer readable medium of instructions and a variety of forms and that the present invention applies equally regardless of the particular type of signal bearing media actually used to carry out the distribution. Examples of computer readable media include recordable-type media such as a floppy disk, a hard drive, a RAM, and CD-ROMs ~~and transmission-type media such as digital and analog communications links~~.

Please amend the abstract on page 27, lines 4-14, as follows:

A system, method, and product are disclosed in a data processing system for serializing hardware reset requests in a software communication request queue in a processor card. The processor card processes software communication requests utilizing the queue in a serial order ~~and processes hardware requests without utilizing the queue~~. A hardware reset request is received by the processor card and put in the queue. The hardware reset request is processed from the queue in the serial order with all requests from the queue that are currently being serviced have completed being serviced.